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Report Highlights:

This weekly report contains data on rice prices in the U.S., Thailand and the EU. It also lists current import duties and export subsidies in the EU. All information will be published as such in the USDA publication "Rice Market News".

Please note that the EU has changed its rice import tariffs from September 1, 2004, with a fixed tariff of EUR 65/MT for brown rice and EUR 175/MT for white rice.

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LOWEST OFFERING PRICES Basis C&F ARAG (unless otherwise stated)

Whole Long-Grain – old crop prices for immediate delivery

| | US\$/MT | US\$/100 LBS |
|----------------------|---------|--------------|
| UNITED STATES | Bulk | Bulk |
| 2 Milled 4 pct * | 330.69 | 15.00 |
| 2 Brown 4/73 pct | 326.28 | 14.80 |
| Medium Milled 2/4 * | 374.79 | 17.00 |
| 1 Brown parb 4/88 ** | 330.69 | 15.00 |

* F.A.S. basis

** While nominal price quotes are for 1 BROWN PARB 4/88, these quotes in reality refer to rice that meets all U.S. No.1 requirements except for one or two categories. Current and historical trade practice is for rice shipped to the EU to be graded only as No.2 and to be further processed upon arrival.

| | US\$/MT | US\$/100 LBS |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------|
| THAILAND | Bulk - Rotterdam | Bulk |
| Parb LZ 4-88% | 355 | 16.10 |
| Loonzain 100% B | 337 | 15.29 |
| A1 Super | 300 | 13.61 |
| Fragrant LZ Super | 472 | 21.41 |
| Fragrant LZ Supreme | 457 | 20.73 |

All Thai prices on a C&F basis

| | EUR/MT | US\$/MT | US\$/100 LBS |
|--|--------|---------|--------------|
| EUROPEAN UNION | Bulk | Bulk | Bulk |
| Spain, Indica, Paddy | - | - | - |
| Spain, Indica, Milled | 480 | 583 | 26.45 |
| Italy, Thaibonnet, paddy | - | - | - |
| Italy, Thaibonnet, milled | 540 | 656 | 29.75 |
| Italian Indica, 5%, milled | 280 | 340 | 15.43 |
| Italian Indica, 5% milled, sortex, parboiled | 325 | 395 | 17.91 |

Prices on local markets (in Spain or Italy). Italian Indica prices: basis - bulk, free on truck.

IMPORT LEVIES, from 9/1/2004

| | EUR/MT | EUR/MT | US\$/MT | US\$/MT |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| | | ACP | General | ACP |
| 1006 20, Brown/Husked | 65 | 21.67 | 78.96 | 26.32 |
| 1006 30, Milled/White | 175 | 58.33 | 212.59 | 70.86 |
| 1006 40, Broken | 128 | 41.18 | 155.49 | 50.02 |

Note: With the introduction of the new rice regime in the EU on September 1, 2004, the EU has changed the import tariffs for brown and white rice. Replacing the Margin of Preference system are fixed tariffs for brown rice of EUR 65/MT and for white/milled rice, EUR 175/MT.

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| EURO/US\$ rate | 1.21478 |
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Source: FT, 21 September, 2004

EXPORT SUBSIDIES ON RICE effective 8/27/2004

The procedure laid down in article 7(4) of regulation (EC) No 1162/95 applies to licenses applied for under that regulation for quantities according to the destinations:

RO1: 0 Mt
 RO2 and RO3: 0 Mt.
 O21 and O23: 0 Mt.
 O64 and O66: 0 Mt.
 A97: 0 Mt.

| | EUR/MT | US\$/MT |
|--|--------|---------|
| Brown RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01) | 0 | 0.00 |
| Semi-milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01) | 0 | 0.00 |
| Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01) | 0 | 0.00 |
| Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations R02 (see below) | 0 | 0.00 |
| Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations R03 (see below) | 0 | 0.00 |
| Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Destination O64+O66 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations mentioned in Art. 34 of amended Comm. Reg. 3665/87 (Supplies to international organization established in the EU, supplies to armed forces etc.) (Destination A97) | 0 | 0.00 |

R01: Switzerland, Liechtenstein, communes of Livigno and Campione d'Italia

R02: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Malta, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Ex-Spanish Sahara, Cyprus, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Yemen, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, West Bank/Gaza Strip, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Slovakia, Norway, Faeroe Island, Iceland, Russia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Yugoslavia, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania, Romania, Bulgaria, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan.

R03: Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Venezuela, Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Bermuda, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong SAR, A40, A11 except Suriname, Guyana and Madagascar.